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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Town Hall-Fire Station-Town Jail

AND/OR COMMON

Midland Town Hall (preferred)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Big Lane

CITY, TOWN Midland

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

___ VICINITY OF

CODE

24

COUNTY

Allegany

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☒ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☒ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Town of Midland

STREET & NUMBER

c/o The Hon. Richard Blair, Mayor

CITY, TOWN

Midland

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21542

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Prospect Square, Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

AL-VI-B-054

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Midland Town Hall is located on the north side of Big Lane, east of Maryland Route 36 in Midland, Allegany County, Maryland. Built in 1905, it is a two-story frame structure three bays wide with a hipped roof. It is built into a bank on a coursed stone foundation that is almost a full story on the rear half of the building. The original German siding has been covered with asbestos shingles on the front, but remains exposed on the side and rear elevations. The walls were originally painted lead gray with matching trim.

The building has been altered somewhat. When the hall was first built, there was a fire station on the ground floor with a large opening for the fire truck on the right of the southwest (front) facade and a doorway on the left. This space was converted to the Council Chambers in 1967. A modern awning window has replaced the fire truck entrance. The second floor of this facade retains three original 2/2 sash windows with original surrounds.

The northwest elevation has three 2/2 sash windows on the second floor and two more at the rear of the first floor. Another awning window is located in the front half of this facade.

The rear of the building has one 2/2 window on the first floor and one 2/2 window on the second floor. There is a small one-pane window and a small storage area in the stone foundation.

The southeast elevation has three 2/2 windows on the second floor and two 2/2 windows on the first floor.

The interior of the first floor originally contained the fire station and two No. 9 jail cells purchased in 1905. This area was remodeled in June 1967 and now serves as the Council Chambers. There are now two rooms on the first floor. The large front room has been completely remodeled and is used as the Council Chambers. A small room behind the chamber is used for storage and bathroom facilities, but retains original woodwork, including window frames, doors, and wainscoting; this is the room that was used as the jail. One of the original cells has been located, and will be installed in its original position, if possible.

The first floor hall has original wainscoting and the original stair at the rear.

The original Council Chambers were located on the second floor of the hall. The oak rail dividing the room is still intact. The desk, chairs, and benches purchased in 1905 also remain. The Town of Midland has installed a new tile ceiling and painted the plaster walls and four-foot wainscoting in preparation for this floor's new use as a Heritage Room. All woodwork and hardware on the doors and windows is original.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 140 9	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Midland Town Hall has served since 1905 as the center of town government in this small western Maryland community. For most of its life it has also served as a social gathering place for the townspeople. Built in 1905 under the direction of John E. Steiding, it will continue as Council Chambers with the added function of local museum. Midland's town hall is the only building constructed for and continuing in this use in this part of Maryland.

Midland, first called Koontz after an early settler, has depended on mining as its chief industry for over 100 years. The first mine opened around 1850, and soon after this the railroad reached the town, adding to the increase in population and business. In 1902 the first mayoral election was held, and John E. Steiding won the post. The need for a civic center to house the fire station, jail, and government center resulted in the construction of the Midland Town Hall three years later.

The town hall was completed on December 7, 1905, thereafter serving as a gathering place for the community as various organizations rented the Council room for their functions and meetings. In addition, the Magistrate's office was located in the Council Chambers.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Midland Heritage Committee, Midland, Maryland: Original Town Minute Book
and Ledger--May 5, 1902 to June 5, 1916
Original Four Ordinances, June 2, 1902

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 111 feet by 36 feet

QUADRANGLE NAME _____

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See: Deed for land filed and recorded December 19, 1904
as Allegany County Deed 95/656.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Donald E. Miller

ORGANIZATION

Midland Heritage Committee

DATE

March 12, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Cemetery Road

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Midland

STATE

Maryland 21542

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ____

STATE ____

LOCAL ____

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

AT-11-B-054

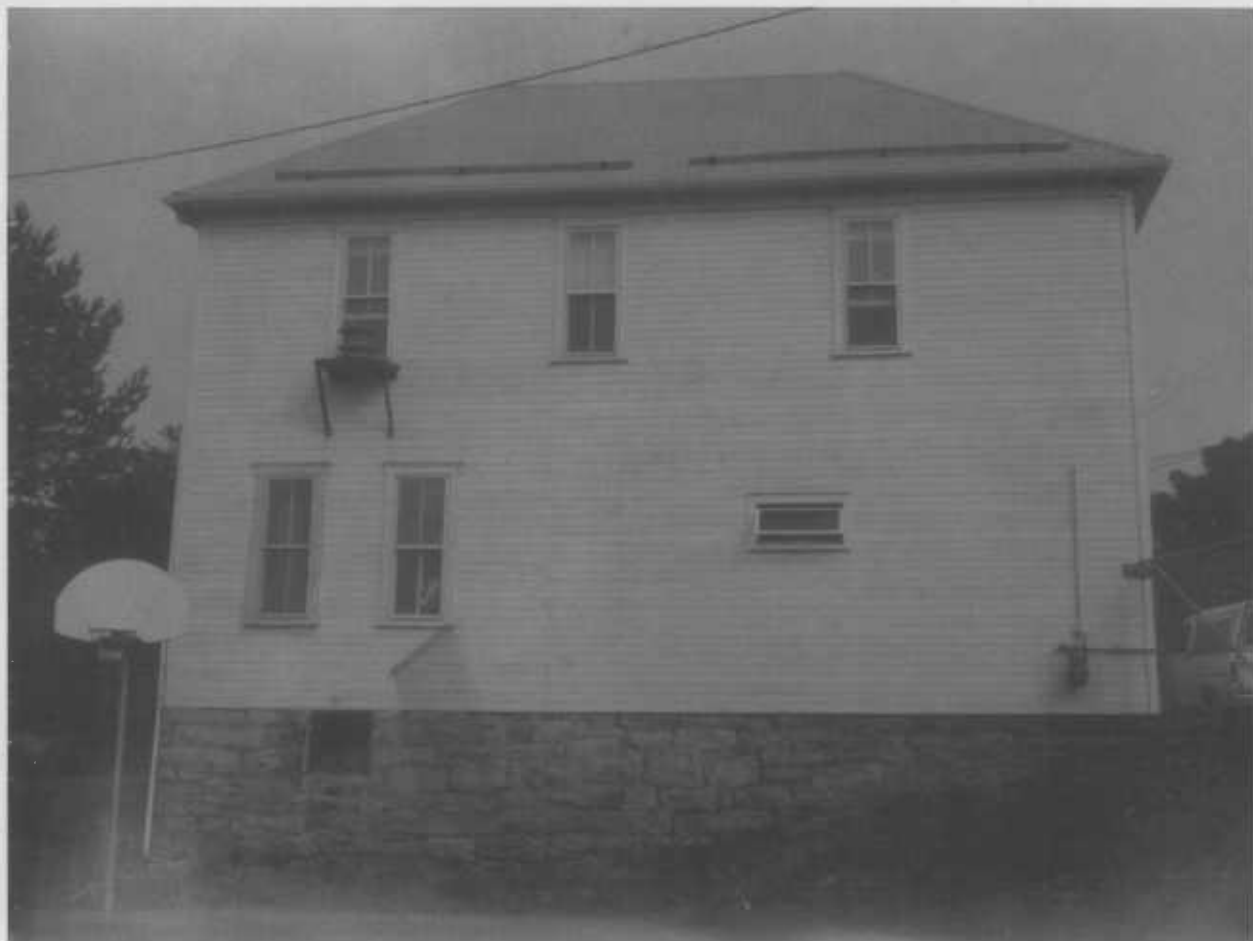


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TOWN HALL

1978

MIDLAND, MD

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